

**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A support system for an x-ray source, comprising:  
a ceiling holder including a mounting device; and  
a support arm fixedly secured about a horizontal axis to the mounting device,  
such that the x-ray source is secured, rotatably about a substantially horizontal axis, to the support arm;

wherein a lower edge of the mounting device and a lower edge of the support arm are disposed vertically below the horizontal axis of rotation of the x-ray source; and

wherein the horizontal axis of rotation of the x-ray source is positioned on the support arm such that a portion of an envelope of the x-ray source remains below the lower edge of the support arm and the lower edge of the mounting device ~~when the envelope is rotated over an angle of greater than 180 degrees independently of the angle of rotation~~ about the horizontal axis of rotation; and a line extension of the horizontal axis of rotation of the x-ray source is laterally displaced with respect to the vertical axis of symmetry of the mounting device.

2. (Original) The support system for an x-ray source of claim 1, wherein the support arm comprises a substantially right angled bend.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The support system for an x-ray source of claim 1, wherein the support arm is fixedly secured about a vertical axis to the mounting device.

5. (Original) The support system for an x-ray source of claim 1, wherein the mounting device is substantially vertically adjustable.

6. (Original) The support system for an x-ray source of claim 1, wherein the ceiling holder is rotatable about a substantially vertical axis.

7.- 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) The support system for an x-ray source of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1, wherein the line extension of the horizontal axis of rotation of the x-ray source is ~~laterally displaced with respect to the vertical axis of symmetry of the mounting device,~~ and is parallel to lines extending along each of two side edges of the x-ray source; and wherein one of the lines of one of the two side edges of the x-ray source extends on one vertical side of the mounting device and the other line of the other side edge extends on another vertical side of the mounting device.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A support system for an x-ray source, comprising:  
~~a supporting platform including a~~ mounting device; and  
a support arm fixedly secured about a horizontal axis to the mounting device, such that the x-ray source is secured, rotatably about a substantially horizontal axis, to the support arm,

wherein a lower edge of the mounting device and a lower edge of the support arm are disposed vertically below the horizontal axis of rotation of the x-ray source;

wherein the x-ray source has an envelope; and

wherein the horizontal axis of rotation of the x-ray source is positioned on the support arm such that a portion of the envelope of the x-ray source remains below the lower edge of the support arm and the lower edge of the mounting device when the envelope is rotated, independently of the angle of rotation, over an angle greater than 180 degrees about the horizontal axis of rotation.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The support system for an x-ray source of claim 11, wherein the mounting device is substantially vertically adjustable.

14. (Previously presented) A support system for an x-ray source, comprising:  
a ceiling holder including a mounting device; and  
a support arm fixedly secured about a horizontal axis to the mounting device, such that the x-ray source is secured, rotatably about a substantially horizontal axis, to the support arm,

wherein a lower edge of the mounting device and a lower edge of the support arm are disposed vertically below the horizontal axis of rotation of the x-ray source;

wherein the horizontal axis of rotation of the x-ray source is positioned on the support arm such that a lower edge of the x-ray source is disposed below the lower edge of the support arm and the lower edge of the mounting device, independently of an x-ray source angle of rotation about the horizontal axis; wherein a line extension of the horizontal axis of rotation of the x-ray source is laterally displaced with respect to the vertical axis of symmetry of the mounting device, and is parallel to lines extending along each of two side edges of the x-ray source; and

wherein one of the lines of one of the two side edges of the x-ray source extends on one vertical side of the mounting device, and the other line of the other side edge extends through the mounting device.

15. – 17. (Cancelled)